
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 458

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND THE RENEWAL OF CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR PERMITS.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires anyone from a qualifying municipality who is renewing a liquor permit for on-premise alcohol consumption between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2013 to give written notice to the municipality's chief law enforcement official. It also requires the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) commissioner to submit a report to certain legislative committees on his findings and recommendations on the notification requirement.

A qualifying municipality is one that has (1) a population between 128,000 and 130,000 people, as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau 2009 population estimates; (2) been incorporated by a special act; and (3) a mayor and city council or board of alderman form of government. No Connecticut municipalities qualify under these requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2012

NOTICE

The bill requires anyone from a qualifying municipality who files a renewal application with DCP for a liquor permit that allows on-premise alcohol consumption to simultaneously give written notice of the application to the municipality's chief law enforcement official. Within 15 days of notice, the official may submit written comments on the application to the DCP commissioner. DCP must consider the comments before renewing the permit.

REPORT ON LIQUOR PERMIT RENEWALS

By February 1, 2014, the DCP commissioner must submit a report to the General Law, Planning and Development, and Public Safety and

Security committees. The report must include:

1. the number of written comments submitted by law enforcement officials or their designees and copies of the comments;
2. a summary of actions taken by DCP in granting or denying any permit renewal application that was subject to the notice requirement; and
3. the DCP commissioner's conclusions and recommendations, after consulting with the chief law enforcement official of each qualifying municipality, about continuing the notice requirement.

BACKGROUND

Legislative History

The Senate referred the bill (File 118) to the Planning and Development Committee, which reported favorably a substitute with changes to the population of the qualifying municipality.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12 Nay 3 (03/03/2011)

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 1 (04/04/2011)